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RESPONSE IN LIEU OF APPEAL BRIEF

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 25, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed on October 30, 2008 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks in lieu of an Appeal Brief responsive to the Notice of Appeal received by the US Patent Office September 29, 2008.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.